

mind an acute angle, and Schwartz explicitly suggests what he means by pointing to the “angle of Fresnel lens 23 seen in FIG. 2.” (Schwartz, col. 3, lines 67-68.)

Second, the Examiner refers to the catch-all phrase at the end of the Schwartz specification suggesting that “other window/aperture and reflector combinations could well be added to the invention to provide yet additional fields of view.” (Schwartz, col. 5, lines 8-10.) This falls short of being a legally adequate suggestion to modify a reference because it is not specific. It is nothing more than a vague and unfounded assertion that things could be done differently, but it does not suggest the specific element of claim 1 at issue here. Moreover, the generally horizontal downward-looking window of applicants’ claim 1 and other claims has an advantage and serves a role not served by other windows taught by Schwartz and not appreciated or thought to be desirable by any of the cited art.

Although these arguments and explanations have been phrased primarily in terms of claim 1, they apply also to the other rejected claims.

In closing, the undersigned believes the Examiner has viewed the invention of the rejected claims as merely adding more detection zones to look behind the motion detector. It should now be clear that the point is not merely to add rearward or downward-looking detection zones, but to do it in an aimable motion detector in such a manner that the downward/rearward coverage is not compromised as the motion detector is aimed and such that upwardly aimed detection zones generating false activations are minimized.

The undersigned believes that in view of the above explanations the application is now in condition for allowance and action to that effect is respectfully requested. If the examiner feels that there are any lingering issues that can be resolved by telephone or feels that a telephone interview would be beneficial in any way, he is invited to call the undersigned at 510-658-9511.

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